

EDITORIALS

Oil Progress Week

The petroleum industry's 10th annual Oil Progress Week begins this year on Oct. 13. This is a time when, according to the Oil Information Committee, "the 1,650,000 men and women of the oil business report to the nation on accomplishments to date; on plans for the future."

It is doubtful that the whole story of the oil industry's accomplishments could be told in anything less than volumes. Contributions made by petroleum — to our nation's economic health, our daily lives, our national defense — are astounding to those unfamiliar with the business. For examples, we have only to look around us.

Perhaps the most newsworthy, at the moment, is to be found in the vast highway construction program throughout the 48 states. Asphalt, an important form of petroleum, will provide many thousands of miles of these new roadways with smooth, durable, and low-cost surfacing.

But asphalt is only one petroleum product. Petroleum fuels furnish our country with 67 per cent of its energy requirements. There are fuel oils, lubricants and gasolines. One reason for this widespread utilization of oil is its low price. A striking example is the cost of driving your automobile — an average of only two cents per mile for fuel. In addition there are products containing petroleum derivatives such as the fertilizers and herbicides which help our farmers grow more per acre every year; antibiotics and other drugs, which help America maintain the highest health standards in the world; clothing containing dacron, orlon, and other synthetic fibers, rapidly increasing in popularity; and some thousands of products containing petroleum derivatives ranging from toothbrushes to trans-Atlantic telephone cables.

These are only a few of the facts being told proudly by America's oil business as it nears completion of its 98th year of existence. Its annual celebration — Oil Progress Week — is aptly named. For it is in large measure due to the contributions of oil that our nation has progressed from a third-rate power to a position in world leadership.

We are proud to join the rest of the nation in saluting the petroleum industry of America; truly an industry of people, products, and progress.

Lagging Behind

Third quarter distributions of sales tax collections in California show again how far Torrance lags behind its sister cities in commercial development.

While Torrance, with nearly 100,000 population, can expect to receive \$186,900 for the third quarter; Inglewood, which has a little more than half of Torrance's population, will get more than \$325,000.

Compton, whose population is considerably less than Torrance's, is slated to receive nearly \$300,000. Culver City, also smaller than Torrance, gets nearly \$220,000. So it goes with Santa Monica, South Gate, Whittier, Huntington Park — all cities smaller than Torrance whose sales tax receipts are above those received here.

The figures should spur city officials and community leaders to do all in their power to encourage commercial development in Torrance in keeping with its area and population.

Opinions of Others

If you give some women enough rope, they'll hang another clothesline in the bathroom. — *Brusware*.

One crop that is grown here — and harvested abroad: the American tourist. — *Banking*.

It's foolish to worry about confused, miserable teenagers. Give them a few years and they'll turn out to be normal, miserable adults. — *Empire Magazine*.

THE FREELANCER by Tom Rische

Communists Stop Rewriting History

The Russians aren't going to have to rewrite history anymore. They made it when they launched their earth satellite.

For years, we have been informed by Moscow that everything from people to electricity was invented by a Russian. This, of course, was mainly for home consumption, since the rest of the world snickered at such obvious fraudulent claims.

Nobody is snickering today. We may have thought that we got rid of the "beep, beep" sound when the Model T horns went out, but it's back in the news again as the voice of the satellite.

It's kinda frightening to think that the Russian satellite is beeping its way through space, possibly passing over the United States at this minute.

It's bad enough that a third of the earth's surface is controlled by the reds, but once they got possession of the moon and Mars, America would be sunk for sure.

Nowadays, it's the ambition of most red-blooded American boys to be the first one to go into space. If the Russians get there first, they might never get the chance.

Maybe the launching of the Russian machine will shake up the armed forces enough so that they will stop fighting over whose missile is best.

Germany once tried to take over the world, but the Russians aren't bound by any such earthly ambitions. They want the universe, and took the first step toward getting it. In an age toward getting it. In an age toward getting it. In an age toward getting it.

Someone's Gonna Get Kissed



YOUR PROBLEMS by Ann Landers

The Oriental's View on Guilt

Dear Ann: I read your column every day and decided you must get awful tired of complaints, gripes, and heartbreaking stories. I made up my mind to write you another kind of letter, just to help you keep a healthy perspective.

I have a wonderful husband and six children between the ages of 2 and 9. Three are dishwashers and clean off the table after meals. They pick up their toys when they've finished playing with them and watch the younger ones as closely as I would.

They are growing up with the idea of being helpful. When they are 15 I won't have to yell myself hoarse to get them to do things.

My husband cheerfully gives me a lift around the house. I never have to ask him to help. He sees what there is to be done, and he sets a wonderful example, by going ahead and doing it. So you see, Ann, there ARE some happy normal families around. Just thought you might like to know. — B.J.S.

Thank you for the day-brightener. Sure, I know there are some happy, normal people around, but trouble comes to even the happy and normal ones. This is part of life that makes us appreciate the good days. How would we know what happiness is if we had no sorrows?

Even the "bad days" can be good because they awaken in us a sense of appreciation for what we might tend to take for granted.

Dear Ann: I went to work three weeks ago in a large office downtown. I was brought up in a small town, Ann, and I know I have a few things to learn but I'm not stupid, just inexperienced.

I was at once shocked at the language used around the office and the familiarity between the fellows and girls. They pinch each other for a joke, and so on.

I told one of the girls that I'd never seen such goings-on and she advised me to "keep it under my hat" or they would think I was square.

The other night as I was leaving, one of the fellows pretended to help me with my jacket and he got pretty "handy" in the process. I swung around and mistook him for my sleeve and unfortunately were broken. He became furious, said I did it on purpose and that he was sending me a bill for the new glasses. Do you think I should pay for them? I'm terribly upset over the whole thing but I want to do what's right. — V.F.

Let the gink pay for his own glasses. You owe him nothing. If he hadn't gotten smart with you there would

AFTER HOURS by John Morley

Switch: Ann Gets a Mash Note

Editor's Note: This is the inside story of the infamous "Reynolds Case" in Formosa, which led to the rioting and destruction of the U. S. embassy . . . and created much irreparable damage to the good relations between the United States and the Republic of China. It is the result of exhaustive on-the-spot investigations by veteran correspondent John Morley in Formosa.

Part II—MAAG Mistakes and Mishandling of Reynolds Case.

Taipei, Taiwan (Formosa) — MAAG knew that under Chinese law a person killing another is guilty until he proves himself innocent. This is the opposite of U. S. law. MAAG permitted Sgt. Reynolds after the shooting to run around Taipei, without any confinement whatever, as though they believed him innocent of any wrong doing. This infuriated the Chinese people. Then MAAG gave the impression that a trial may not even be necessary, as though prejudging the case only on the statement of Sgt. Reynolds that he shot in self-defense. U. S. Ambassador Karl Rankin, one of our top-flight career diplomats, who has done so much to cement relations and friendship between our two countries, advised Washington that a trial should be held and it was so ordered.

From the Chinese point of view the whole trial was a farce because — both the prosecutor and the defense counsel were U. S. Army men — the jury was composed of U. S. Army personnel and the entire atmosphere of the court room was indeed partial to Sgt. Reynolds. The scene of the defense and prosecuting attorneys exchanging information, amicably passing smokes across the counsel table, and later drinking and eating together are incidents not conducive to confidence that the trial was being conducted fairly to the deceased Chinese man or the people of Formosa. The "reaction of the Chinese man-in-the-street and the local press.

Finally, when the jury announced its acquittal, the MAAG personnel applauded and shouted their approval, while the Chinese present bowed their heads in respect for the deceased and widow and filed out of the courtroom. Soon after, MAAG whisked Reynolds and his family out of Taipei in a last gesture of insult to the

Chinese people. The next morning Mrs. Liu, on her own initiative to publicly express her indignation of the whole trial procedure, picketed the U. S. embassy and no doubt sparked the attack on the embassy soon after. The unfortunate riot that followed again . . . U. S. property and personnel had been building up for weeks because the Chinese people were accusing MAAG of trying to whitewash the entire case.

When thousands of Chinese rioters attacked the U. S. embassy and other U. S. property, Chinese authorities were impotent in trying to stop it. There was evidence of indifference on the part of the Chinese police to prevent or stop the riots, or incompetence in handling such an occurrence. The Chinese army authorities were slow, or unavailable, to give authority for the . . . on o. . . S. property when called upon to do so when local law enforcement had broken down. U. S. Ambassador Karl Rankin showed me photographs of rioters on the balcony of the U. S. embassy with police standing by not in the least interfering with the destruction going on. For this the Chinese government assumed full responsibility and their payment of total compensation for the damage to U. S. property fulfilled this phase of their obligation.

In my interview with Mrs. Liu we confirmed rumors that the shooting of her husband was not just the result of his peering at Mrs. Reynolds' bath — but that Sgt. Reynolds and Liu Tze-Jan were engaged in some "illegal dealings" — and the shooting might have had something to do with that. This phase was never discussed in the court-martial. Mrs. Liu also told this reporter that "she had accompanied her husband on several occasions to the Reynolds residence and waited outside while he went in to see Sgt. Reynolds "about some "business." Reynolds testified that he had never seen Liu before in his life.

Mrs. Liu also informed us that Reynolds greeted her by name on several occasions on the street — while Reynolds denied that he ever saw her in his life. The fact that the police found the body a considerable distance from where the shooting took place was never explained. The fact that Reynolds shot the "intruder" twice, after wounding him the first time, is

somewhat beyond the point of self-defense. These and other discrepancies and omissions were never explained in the court-martial.

This whole unfortunate affair has lost ground for the U. S. in the entire Far East, not just Formosa. Formosa is very important to us, as we are not committed to its defense just because we like the Chiang Kai-sheks. We are pouring money and know-how in Formosa because we don't want Formosa to fall into Chinese or Russian Communist hands. For if this unfortunate thing ever happens, it will threaten the defenses of the U. S. in the entire Pacific — as well as the defense of the Philippines, Indochina, Okinawa, Korea, Japan and the entire Far East archipelago. Formosa is important to our defense strategy directly and to the defense of free people against Communist aggression. It is also the beachhead of any effort of the Republic of China to return to the mainland. All these are of direct importance to the United States as well as to the Free World.

The Reynolds case is legally closed, as he cannot be tried again for the same crime. Reynolds is free with his own conscience. If what he claimed is true about the intrusion on his wife's bath, he could have socked the intruder in the jaw, along with a reprimand to his wife to install a shade. In this way he could have avoided this unfortunate nightmare of international complications. But as a final aftermath of this case we believe the U. S. government should offer the widow a substantial sum for compensation for the loss of her husband. She is now alone with a baby daughter to support. We have heard of apologies and regrets between the government of the United States and the Republic of China, which were appropriately exchanged — but . . . by an official, word from either of them to the one directly affected by the killing, the widow Mrs. Liu.

It appears to this reporter that public opinion inside Formosa could be favorably influenced by a generous gesture of compensation by the U. S. government to Mrs. Liu and her baby daughter. For whatever the rights and wrongs on both sides — for whatever the true underlying causes of the shootings, they remain the only surviving human victims of this whole bizarre affair.

Rx FOR GOOD HEALTH

Retirement Plan Problems

Compulsory retirement plans of industry today pose a problem for the millions of people reaching older age. Many of the persons face a rather empty future, for it is difficult to stop suddenly the mental and physical machinery that has been geared to business competition.

When away from his job, whether it be manual or mental, the individual finds too many hours in the day and too much time to do nothing. Wise is the person who foresees this inactivity by preparing himself with an avocative.

Preventive medicine, through its control of many diseases that formerly took lives, is responsible for extending the life span. Today there are more than 19 million people over 55 years of age. With a greater aging population, new factors develop for their care because this group faces such degen-

erative diseases as high blood pressure, arteriosclerosis, cancer and arthritis. Just as the specialty of pediatrics developed for the care of the growing child, so the specialty of geriatrics came into being for the medical problems of the older person.

The development of these conditions may slow up a person in advancing years, but age itself is not a debilitating factor. Again certain physical changes are natural sequences. Muscles and chest become smaller and the waistline larger. The skin loses its elasticity and tends to wrinkle and to develop certain types of spots and moles. Hair is apt to become gray and thinner.

Because modern medicine is responsible for more of us "growing old," it will also establish a means for caring for the conditions peculiar to old age. Geriatrics is rapidly becoming an expanding field for study and research.

Perhaps one of the greatest problems of growing old is the feeling that one is no longer needed, that usefulness is over. Everyone wants to be a contributing power, whether it be in business, the home or the community. The end of a long life of service and activity needs a compensatory substitute. That is why the development of a hobby is encour-

aged. Accept the challenge of retirement by getting ready for it now. Maybe the younger years are the more productive ones, but wisdom and experience come with emotional maturity and there is great satisfaction in pursuit of an interest that will keep you happy mentally, and occupied physically.

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